**Soft loans for Bangalore Metro Project**

1635. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to seek soft loans for construction of the Bangalore Metro Project from the Japanese Bank under the International Co-operation;

(b) if so, the amount of soft loans sought for;

(c) by when the above loan is expected to come through;

(d) by when construction of the metro projects of Bangalore would commence; and

(e) by when it is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (e) A Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Bangalore Metro Project (Phase-I) has been prepared by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (DMRC). However, no decision has been taken so far regarding the Bangalore Metro Project, including the mode of financing the cost of the said Project. The DPR and related matters are under examination, in consultation with the agencies/Departments/Ministries concerned.

**Slums Development under NSDP in Bihar**

1636. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of slums developed under the National Slum Development Programme in the cities of Bihar alongwith the names of the cities during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons benefited from this scheme; and

Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.